

## Musical Topics

Edited by Mrs. K. L. Skahen

**A Patient Pupil.**  
The fine arts are, perhaps, in the matter of the time involved, the most difficult of all studies to conquer. One cannot master music or painting by mere force of will; one must, as it were, grow into the chosen art, not jump into it. The reason we have so much poor art, and art that is not art at all, is because there is so much of this jumping attempted.

The proper growth is brought by continuous application day after day, for years. This is true in all departments of the musical life. Yet it is a truth that seems the most difficult of realization to all but about one-tenth of one per cent of the people generally.

Every teacher finds that the majority of his pupils expect to play the piano or violin well in a year; and as to singing, why, Lord bless you, they expect to give concerts in half that time. All this is not so much the fault of the individual pupil as it is a general misapprehension of the depth of art and of the difficulties that beset the student's path. To express the whole matter in a few words, the public ideal is a low one. We do not aspire to play or sing well, i. e., artistically; we simply desire to play or sing; if it be in a very ordinary or slovenly manner, that does not matter.

Not all can have the talent, time, money and health necessary to make a great artist. But all may do well what they set out to do. A simple thing well done is preferable to a complex one abominably done. Oh, that music pupils and their parents could recognize this!

Some schools realize that music is "a long road to travel," and insist that a student upon entering, shall give evidence of his expectation of completing a course of study. For instance, we read that the conservatory at Milan, Italy, requires each pupil to declare his intention and ability to stay in the school until the seven years' course is completed. Not many half prepared pupils are turned out of that school. That is one European standard. In America a fair damsel will unblushingly apply for a

diploma before she should be allowed to leave a musical kindergarten.

In former times students were content to abide by the adage, "make haste slowly." Years were spent in technical drill. But the years so spent produced great singers. As an extreme example of this painstaking study, we may cite the method used by Porpora with his pupil, Caffarelli. For five years this celebrated teacher (who perhaps gave instruction to more great singers than any teacher since has done), held his willing pupil to the practice of various scales and exercises which were written down one at a time. During the sixth year Caffarelli was drilled in articulation, pronunciation and declamation, points in which many modern singers are sadly deficient.

Then, one day, when the patient pupil thought perhaps he might soon begin to sing something beyond scales and exercises, old Porpora turned to him and handing him his music, said, in his curt fashion:

"Now, young man, you may go. I can teach you no more. You are the greatest singer in the world!"

And so it was. This patient toil had brought its own reward. He was without a peer in his own time. Honors and reward and riches came to him, and at the end of his career he purchased a dukedom and retired to his castle to enjoy the large fortune his unrivaled singing had brought him. Had he rebelled against his old master's long course of training, these things and the applause of all Europe would have been lost to him, and his name would probably never have appeared in the list of the world's great singers.

—W. F. Gates.

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### On Books in Gardens and Gardens in Books

By Richard Le Gallienne

I was reading the other day about an American boy who was carried to England when he was a wee youngster, and who remained there all his life. Naturally, he became an Englishman through and through. His ideals were English ideals. He thought as Englishmen of his class thought. And, he died, as so many young Englishmen have died, in the great war.

What happened to this young American when he went to England is happening to thousands of other young Americans whose parents are taking them into new homes. These youngsters will become what their homes are. If their homes are beautiful, if there is the true home-building spirit in them, if they are alive with neighborliness and the flowers of culture, these young people will express themselves beautifully. The home spirit will become their spirit. All children advertise the quality of the home from which they come.

The home is the greatest manufacturing plant in the world, because in it are created the bodies and brains of the men and women of the world. Whatever enters the home, whether thoughts or material substances manifest itself sooner or later in the people who live in that home.

The soul of a home creates the spirit, it which animates the young people whose world that home is during the formative years of their life.

Our nation cannot become a nation of beauty until our homes themselves become homes of true beauty.

The gospel of beauty must be preached to the children. And the best sermon is a practical example. Of course the goal is far distant.

Emerson said something to the effect that the presence in the community of a man of character increased the value of the real estate there.

It may be said with equal truth that the building of a beautiful home in a community instantly increases the value of the real estate, and what is even more important, is an influence which, working upon those who live in ugly homes, will eventually produce a collection that will be proud temples erected to the Goddess of Beauty.

A stroll through a neighborhood of beautiful homes may do more for a man with a troubled soul than the most eloquent sermon that may be preached in an ugly church.

How a beautiful spirit can develop in an ugly house is something I cannot understand. Such a person must feed upon lovely visions found in the Land of Imagination—food that cannot be seen by the average mortal.

We hunger for beautiful colors, beautiful sounds, beautiful voices, beautiful ideas. But of what value is an occasional banquet of these things when our fare at home is a compound of ugliness and unlovely things?

Thank God, for all of those great souls who are preaching the gospel of better and more beautiful homes.

### BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering and Mr. and Mrs. George Chickering attended the Grand Rapids fair on Thursday.

Mrs. Clyde Cooper and daughter, Katherine, attended the St. Johns fair Wednesday returning Saturday. She visited her two sisters while there Mrs. Myrtle Payne and Mrs. Effie Tucker and had an enjoyable time.

Mrs. M. L. Howe wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hotchkiss and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chickering for the nice fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skellenger visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snow and Hazel motored to Greenville Saturday afternoon and visited the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Shepard and daughter, Mrs. Rudolph Kading who is in the hospital from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Town and son, Herbert visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Headworth of Grattan over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Newcomb of Detroit visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Choate Friday night and Saturday visited other old time neighbors and friends. Fern is one of the Brink school boys.

Mrs. Milo Towne visited Mrs. Clarence Snow Monday. They are making apple butter, yum, yum.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellsworth of Fair Plains were supper guests of Mrs. L. C. Devendorf Saturday and that night stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Newcomb were callers at W. E. Leach's Friday afternoon.

James McCoubrey of Detroit is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherm Hulbert visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benton Sunday. Mrs. John Kohn was the supper guest of her son, Anthony Kohn and wife Friday. It was Anthony's birthday, and all had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wiley visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Cobb Sunday evening. Miss Wanda Norton of Durand and Miss Rilla Mosher of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe, J. D. Strain and Clyde Hawley were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson Saturday evening.

Mrs. M. L. Howe wishes to thank Mrs. Byron Rich for the box of beautiful flowers sent her Friday.

Mrs. Herbert Regan and daughter, Iva and Gertrude Luce of Belding visited Mrs. Clarence Snow Friday. Iva and Gertrude called on Mrs. M. L. Howe in the forenoon.

Claude Yaner of Crystal completed the silo on R. H. Hall's farm and returned home Monday.

Mrs. Ernest Anderson and son, Roy J., visited Mr. and Mrs. Byron Rich of Keene Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hite Eckert and Mrs. Zala Howe of Ionia visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hopkins of Greenville on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson of Belding and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rolison of Shepherdsdale visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips Sunday and Monday.

James McCoubrey of Detroit visited Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Chickering and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chickering Monday.

**ORLEANS METHODIST CHURCH**  
R. V. Birdsell, Pastor.  
More stars are soon to be added to the Orleans township service flag and Dildine flag is also growing.

We are glad for the fine spirit of welcome manifested on the return of the pastor for the third year. Insurance on Dildine church property has been raised to \$3,250.

The Bible study class will meet at James Dildine's home next Monday evening. The Orleans Epworth League will have a business meeting and social time in the church basement Friday evening. All are invited.

Notices of City Treasurer.

Come in and pay your taxes now. 4 per cent will be added to all taxes paid after Sept. 30. Oct. 19 will be the last day for the payment of taxes. Remittance to date. Office open every afternoon and evening. Yours respectfully, Wm. E. Fisher, Treasurer.

### SMOKY ROW

Leonard Witt, who spent the summer on the farm with his father, Eli Witt, decided the west would be a better water to winter too left Sept. 11.

On Tuesday Mrs. Eli Witt gave a chicken dinner and her three children, Leonard Witt, Mrs. Roy Taylor and Mrs. Carl Taylor were present. Len thinks he will be back in the spring.

Leo Shindorf and family spent Sunday with Geo. Engemann and wife in Belding.

Fred Spencer and wife visited in Smyrna Sunday.

Nick Gettings and wife of Belding visited Eli Witt and wife Sunday.

Clara and Mary Gondolf and Karl Geiger visited John Andrews and wife Sunday evening.

Ed. Hotchkiss and wife were in Grand Rapids attending a relative's funeral Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Farthing spent Monday afternoon with Chattie Crozier. Mrs. John Andrews visited a part of the past week with Mrs. Geo. Fuerstein and wife and helped to look after the new baby.

Sam Seeley and wife and daughter, Catherine of Lakeview spent Sunday with the Seeley brothers.

Will Cowles and wife and Mrs. Hugo Gasper and son, Donelson were callers at Chattie Crozier's Sunday afternoon.

Geo. Farthing and family visited Sherman Hulbert and wife Sunday. W. S. Harris of Richmond has been visiting his brother, Bert Harris and family. He returned home Monday.

Fank Laux and family visited Anthony Breimeyer and family Sunday.

### PARNELL

Marie Bresnahan was home Wednesday.

Mrs. Julia Malone and Miss Margaret Driscoll called on Miss Johanna McCarthy, who is very poorly.

Miss Kate Howard spent Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. J. F. Byrne.

Born, Sept. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hefferan a daughter.

Mrs. James Hefferan is seriously ill.

Claybourne and Nugent Byrne of Camp Custer were home Saturday night and returned early Sunday morning.

Earl Keena of Camp Custer spent Sunday with his parents.

Ella Tobin and Erma Howard are attending the Sacred Heart academy in Grand Rapids.

Gertrude Abraham was home over Sunday.

Thomas Hefferan and Gerald McCarthy are attending St. Andrews' high school in Grand Rapids.

Born, Friday, to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Doran, a daughter.

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James Doran was in Belding Friday.

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Class meeting, 12:00.  
Evening service, 7:00. Sermon by the pastor.

Holiness meeting, Tuesday evening, 7:30.

Prayer service, Thursday evening, 7:30.

You are welcome.

J. Fred Iulig, Pastor.

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Sunday, 10:00, class meeting; 10:30, morning service; 11:45, Sunday school; Epworth league, 6:00; evening service at 7:00 p. m.

Prayer meeting for young women in Philathea room and young men in Baraca room Tuesday evening, 7:30. Thursday evening at 7:30, general prayer meeting followed by Bible study.

P. Ray Norton, Pastor.

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Chas. M. Pease, Pastor.

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